GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXTENSION FROM KRIBHCO TO HAZIRA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether there is any proposals under consideration of the Railways for connecting Hazira Port to its hinterland;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Railways would consider to extend the side track for KRIBHCO up to Hazira; and

(d) If so, the time bound programme for completion of the project, if any ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 13.01.2005 among the following parties:-

(i) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)

(ii) Hazira Port Private Limited

(iii) Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation

(iv) Essar Steel Limited

(v) Gujarat Maritime Board
The basic objective of the MoU is to enable formation of a project specific Special Purpose Vehicle for implementation of the railway line project from Surat to Hazira Port.

(c): As per the techno-economic feasibility survey, the new line is proposed parallel to the existing KRIBHCO siding.

(d): The construction will be taken up on completion of the project development, agreement of strategic partners in financial participation and sanction of the project. The construction of the project is expected to take about three years after sanction.